



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gilles Jourdin) VAL1599P0251US
Serial No.: 10/057,406)
Filed: January 23, 2002) Group Art Unit: 3727
For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A) Confirmation No.: 1614
DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT)
ON A VESSEL NECK)
Examiner: James N. Smalley)

RECEIVED
APR 22 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action Paper No. 4 dated March 10, 2003.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects for prosecution in the application at this time claims 1-7 drawn to the device.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, PHILLIPS, KATZ, CLARK & MORTIMER

By


Paul M. Odell, Reg. No. 28,332

500 West Madison Street, Suite 3800
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 876-1800